

SHAFFER, IN PRISON, BAFFLED PHYSICIANS

Pronounced Insane, He
Acknowledges Sham.

JUSTICE HAD SET HEARING

But Dr. Hudson, Assistant Jail Physi-
cian, Became Convinced That Dis-
order Was Simulated.

Augustus L. Shaffer, who is under in-
dultment for the murder of his wife,
Catherine Shaffer, on August 22, has
admitted that he is of sound mind. This ac-
tion by the prisoner was a great sur-
prise, not alone to his relatives, but
also to his counsel, Messrs. Lambert and
Baker. He says that he feigned insanity
for the purpose, if possible, of saving
his family from disgrace.

Since the night Shaffer killed his wife
he has simulated insanity so well that
he not only deceived his relatives and his
counsel, but also physicians. As a re-
sult of an examination by two promi-
nent physicians, who declared that he
was of unsound mind, Shaffer's brother,
a few days ago, filed a petition in the
District Supreme Court asking that his
sanity be determined by a marshal's
jury. Justice Pritchard, when he read
the affidavits of the physicians, signed
an order setting the hearing for Janu-
ary 4, 1904.

Assistant Suspicious.

Since Shaffer has been confined in
the District jail, he has been under the
care of the jail physician, Dr. Shute,
and his assistant, Dr. W. B. Hudson.
The latter, however, had more direct
communication with the prisoner than
Dr. Shute.

In speaking of the case, Dr. Hudson
said yesterday that he suspected all
along that Shaffer was shamming. He,
however, on account of his short term
of practice, hesitated in advancing his
opinion in opposition to that of the phy-
sicians who had examined Shaffer as to
his mental condition, and had concluded
that he was insane.

Hudson Corners Prisoner.

On Wednesday last, however, Dr.
Hudson, after a close watch of Shaffer
for several days, went to the man and
told him he knew that he was sham-
ming. Shaffer, Dr. Hudson said, admit-
ted the truth of the statement, and said
he had determined to admit it. He said
he was induced to do so because he was
convinced that he was not able to com-
pletely fool all the experts who had
made an examination of his mental and
physical condition.

Dr. Hudson reported his discovery to
his superior, Dr. Shute, who in return
informed Warden Harris of the admis-
sion made by the prisoner. It is prob-
able that Shaffer's counsel will tomor-
row ask permission of the court to
withdraw the petition asking for an in-
quiry as to their client's mental con-
dition.

TWO PLANS TO ASSIST POLICEMAN OSBOURN

One Is Benefit in Convention Hall, the
Other Sale of Tickets to
Target Contest.

At least two plans are under way to
provide for the crossing policeman when
he is injured in line of duty. It is
certain that the present Congress will be
asked to pass a law which will make
the District responsible for the wages
of those men under such circumstances.
The two plans mentioned are the ben-
efit to be given at Convention Hall, as a
result of the publication in The Times
of the fact that there was no way
whereby Policeman George W. Osbourn
could be paid for the time he spends in
the Emergency Hospital with the com-
pound fracture of the leg sustained in
his running fight with John Charles
Smith, the negro highwayman. This
benefit will probably be held on the
night of December 10.

The other is an idea of Major Syl-
vester, who has already joined with
leading citizens in a private subscription
for the relief of the injured policeman,
and who now proposes that the next
target shoot, which will be with the
picked team of the Cincinnati police
force, shall be converted into a benefit
for the crossing policeman, by the sale
of tickets at the rate of 25 cents each.
This match will be shot at a date not
yet determined, and will be by telegraph.
It is not thought that many will at-
tend the shoot, but it is thought that
popular interest in the injured police-
man is sufficiently great to insure a
good sale of tickets.

SANITARY INSPECTOR IS NEEDED IN PANAMA

Mr. Cumming Reports on Bad Con-
ditions Prevailing in Isthmus.

The necessity for a competent sani-
tary inspector of the Public Health and
Marine Hospital Service, to be station-
ed at Panama, is urged by Hugh S.
Cumming in a report to Surgeon Gen-
eral Wyman on the sanitary conditions
on the west coast of Mexico, Central,
and South America, so far as they af-
fect the health of this country. Dr.
Cumming says the sanitary conditions
at Panama and Colon, and the vast
trade centering there, make it necessary
to have a sanitary inspector.

Mr. Cumming reports that crews of
vessels of the Pacific Mail Steamship
Company, which load and unload at
Panama, suffer many deaths from "ma-
laria" and yellow fever on trips north
from Panama. Supposedly, the infec-
tion proceeds from that port.

According to the latest public health
report, the yellow fever epidemic on the
Texas border is under control. The
State quarantine has been raised
against Laredo, and the Galveston quar-
antine against San Antonio.

SCHOOL BOY MISSING.

David Burt, twelve years old, is re-
ported as missing since Thursday from
his home at 536 First Street northeast.
The boy left home to go to school, and
has not since been seen by his family.

DEATH OF UNKNOWN MAN IS STILL A MYSTERY

Friends of Andrew Higdon Fail to Link
Circumstances With their Friend's
Disappearance.

Relatives of Andrew P. J. Higdon yes-
terday called upon Major Sylvester to
inquire if the local police had a full de-
scription of the dead man found under
such mysterious circumstances at Pear-
sons, on the Patuxent River, St. Mary's
county, Md., on November 27, the first
news of which was made public in New
York on Friday through a letter from
Justice of the Peace J. B. Jarboe to the
young woman who was supposed to be
the fiancée of the dead man.

What is known of the man's identity
was learned from a packet of three let-
ters found tied to his back in an oil-
skin, purporting to come from Miss Vir-
ginia D. Brusch, of Brewsters, N. Y.
From these letters it was inferred the
dead man was Matthew J. Fitzpatrick,

of 220 East Thirty-eighth Street, New
York.

It is said in the communication of Jus-
tice Jarboe that from the condition of
the body the jury was at first of the
opinion Fitzpatrick was murdered, but
from the manner in which his effects
were found tied upon him, and from
the contents of the letters from the
young lady, rejecting his suit for her
hand, the jury finally concluded he had
come to his death by his own hand.

The dead man was about thirty or
thirty-five years old, had coal black
hair, and was about six feet tall. The
body had apparently been in the water
some weeks. The throat was terribly
gashed from ear to ear, his left arm
just below the elbow was cut to the
bone, severing the arteries, and a pecu-
liar hole an inch and a quarter across
was found over the heart.

It was thought at first the dead man
was Captain Ward, a well-known sail-
ing master of that section, who disap-
peared some weeks ago, and who is be-
lieved to have been murdered by the
crew of his vessel.
Andrew Higdon, a salesman for B. B.
Earnshaw, a wholesale grocer at 116
Eleventh Street southeast, attended a
cubicle party on the night of November
20 at the Grand Army Hall and has not
since been seen. When the description
of the dead man had been read to the
distracted relatives, however, they came
to the conclusion that it could not be
the one they sought.

POLICE BEGIN CRUSADE AGAINST FAST DRIVING

Two Men Subjected to Heavy Fines for
Speeding Horses Beyond the Lim-
its Allowed by Law.

Under recent orders of Major Sylves-
ter, the police have begun an active cru-
sade against fast and reckless drivers,
who imperil the lives of pedestrians by
their carelessness. No person is to be
excepted from the regulations against
this perilous practice.

The police have been particularly in-
structed to keep a lookout for irrespon-
sible drivers of delivery wagons.
On Friday, William Sullivan was fined
\$20 for driving a horse and wagon at the
rate of eighteen miles an hour, at First
and R Streets northwest, the arrest be-
ing made by Sergeant Duval. The same
day Clifton Holland, a negro, was fined
\$10 for making the rate of fifteen miles
an hour.

It is often difficult to identify these
men, and Major Sylvester has again

called attention to part of his annual
report as far back as 1895, as follows:

"The vehicle question is one which
has never been properly adjusted. Reg-
ulations have been enacted from time to
time which result in an improvement in a
general way, but there remains much to
be done before satisfactory private
and public hack and carriage arrange-
ments can be effected.

"Existing law should be so amended
as to require all drivers of public ve-
hicles, as well as owners, to procure li-
censes, to be issued only upon the rec-
ommendation of the Police Department,
and that they be duly registered in the
capacity in which they serve."

While the police have not been remiss
in making such arrests as they could
under the circumstances mentioned, the
fact that in no case has the maximum,
or even a large, fine been imposed in
Police Court, for a period covering ap-
proximately a year, has militated, at
least so think the police, against the
proper enforcement of such regulations
as already exist.

"Most of the fines," says Major Syl-
vester, "have been for such sums as \$5,
and this is not enough to deter others
from committing the same offense.
There is, of late, however, a tendency to
assess fines more in keeping with the
gravity of the offense, by means of
which the lives of pedestrians are placed
in jeopardy."

ANOTHER MILESTONE ON ROAD OF PROGRESS

George W. Driver announces that next
Friday, December 11, he will celebrate
the anniversary of the forty-first year
of his business career in Washington.
He desires to express his thanks for the
liberal patronage extended to him by a
generous public during that time. Mr.
Driver enjoys the distinction of being
the oldest restaurateur in continuous
business at the National Capital.
His establishment, 556 Pennsylvania
Avenue, is one of the most popular re-
sorts for gentlemen in this city. His
motto has always been "Ex optima op-
timum." Mr. Driver extends a cordial
invitation to all his patrons and the
general public to be present on the oc-
casion. During the day and evening a
collation will be served.

EVERETT TO COMMAND TRAINING SHIP BUFFALO

Commander W. H. Everett will com-
mand the training ship Buffalo, which
is now at Hampton Roads, and will act
as convoy to the torpedo boat flotilla
which is to start for the Asiatic station
in a short time.

FIREFIGHTING LADDIES BARELY IN NICK OF TIME

Two Disastrous Conflagrations Might
Have Resulted, But—

The children of Irene Cooper, of 23
Penton Place northwest, found a box of
matches yesterday afternoon, and in-
dulged in pyrotechnic play. The prompt
response of the Fire Department kept
the damage down to a small figure.

Two hours later, the hose wagon of
Truck E was called out on another lo-
cal alarm. The fire was found to be in
a hollow tree in a vacant lot in P
Street, between Twenty-seventh and
Twenty-eighth Streets northwest. Fire
Marshal Bleher and the insurance
agents have not agreed upon the amount
of damage to the tree.

MAKE AN ASSIGNMENT.

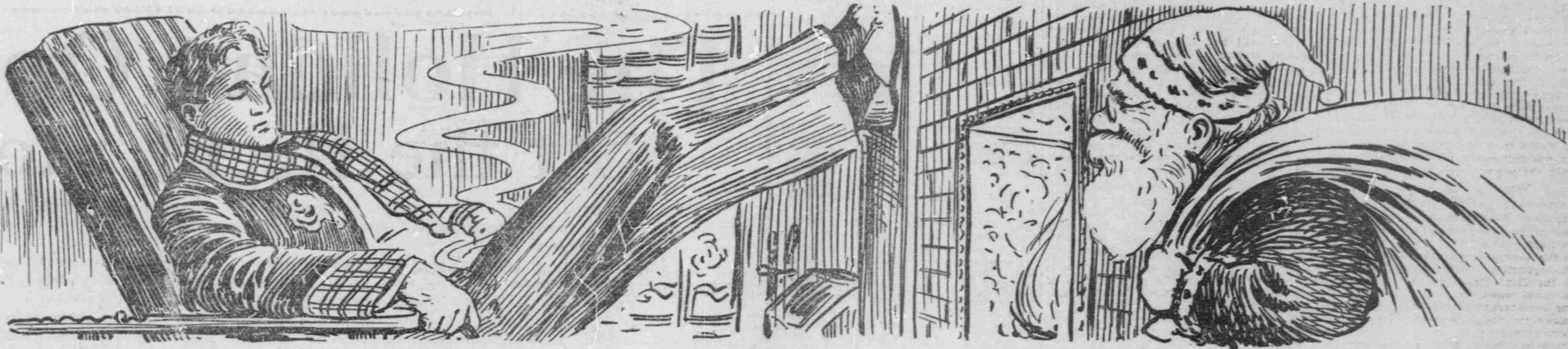
NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—James and Hud-
son Clarke, who compose the firm of
William Clarke & Sons, bankers, at 133
Nassau Street, have assigned for the
benefit of creditors to the Van Norden
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"The practical gifts of wardrobery" defines our service to you in this holiday season. A very popular service—popularly rendered. The lists tell in outline the variety that is assembled. They are for your guidance, and will suggest the answer to many a perplexing question of what to give "him" that he will appreciate. The Store's reputation will stand sponsor for the worthiness and rightness of what is offered---its guarantee as well assuring the prices to be truly economical. In other words, that they are as low as can be named for those qualities we are careful you shall only have recourse to here.

We present this season the most complete preparations for the Christmas shopping we have ever made. The clerical forces are trained and capable. The delivery facilities of adequate measure---while the little features of fancy boxing, initialing, etc., will be bestowed gratuitously and generously.

Hints of What to Give.

(First Floor.)

- Men's Canes (mounted and plain)—50c to \$5.00.
- Men's Umbrellas (mounted and plain)—\$1.00 to \$10.00.
- Men's Dress Suit Cases—\$1.25 to \$2.00.
- Men's Hand Bags (all sizes)—75c to \$18.00.
- Men's Sole Leather Hat Trunks—\$3.00 to \$8.00.
- Men's Handkerchief (initial)—15c to 75c.
- Men's Handkerchief (hemstitched)—12½c to 75c.
- Men's Handkerchief (silk initial)—25c to \$1.00.
- Men's Handkerchief (silk hemstitched)—25c to \$1.50.
- Men's Silk Mufflers—75c to \$5.00.
- Men's Full Dress Protectors—\$1.00 to \$4.50.
- Men's Neckwear (all shapes)—25c to \$3.50.
- Men's Suspenders—25c to \$3.50.
- Men's Walking Gloves—\$1.00 to \$2.00.
- Men's Full Dress Gloves—\$1.00 to \$2.00.
- Men's Lined Gloves—\$1.00 to \$5.00.
- Men's Wool Gloves—25c to \$1.00.
- Men's Driving Gloves—\$1.00 to \$5.00.
- Men's Cuff Buttons—25c to \$3.50.
- Men's Scarf Pins—25c to \$5.00.
- Men's Watch Fobs—25c to \$5.00.
- Men's Shirt Studs, set—25c to 50c.
- Men's Hosiery, pair—12½c to \$1.50.
- Men's Pajamas, suit—\$1.00 to \$10.00.
- Men's Night Shirts (plain and fancy)—50c to \$2.50.
- Men's Fancy Shirts—\$1 to \$1.50.
- Men's Dress Shirts—79c to \$3.00.
- Men's Underwear—50c to \$5.00.
- Men's Mackintoshes—\$5.00 to \$15.00.
- Men's Rubber Coats—\$2.50 to \$5.00.

(Second Floor.)

- Young Men's Rain Coats (15 to 20 years)—\$12.50 to \$22.50.
- Boys' Rain Coats (8 to 10 years)—\$10.00 to \$22.50.
- Boys' Rubber Coats—\$2.00 and \$2.50.
- Boys' Mackintoshes—\$2.98 to \$5.00.
- Boys' Tuxedo Suits (short pants)—\$13.50.
- Young Men's Tuxedo Suits (long pants)—\$18.00 to \$25.00.
- Boys' Genuine English Eton Suits—\$15.00.
- Boys' Novelty Suits (short pants)—\$2.50 to \$10.00.
- Boys' Novelty Reefers and Overcoats—\$1.45 to \$10.
- Boys' Neckwear (all styles)—25c and 50c.
- Boys' Handkerchiefs (plain and fancy)—5c to 12½c.
- Boys' Suspenders—25c and 50c.
- Boys' Kid Gloves—50c to \$1.00.
- Boys' Wool Gloves—25c and 50c.
- Boys' Pajamas, suit—75c and \$1.00.
- Young Men's Fancy Vests—\$1.50 to \$3.00.
- Boys' Fancy Vests—\$1.50 to \$2.50.
- Boys' Fancy Shirts—50c to \$1.50.
- Boys' Canes—15c to 50c.
- Boys' Cuff Buttons—25c to 60c.
- Boys' Scarf Pins—25c to 50c.
- Boys' Watch Fobs—25c to 75c.

House Coats, Bath Blankets, and Lounging Robes.

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The House Coats are in Plain Tricots, Double-faced and Two-toned Cloths, Velvets, and Matelasses—\$3.75 to \$18.

The Bath Robes are in Blanket and Terry—\$3.75 to \$13.50.

The House Gowns are in Double-faced and Plain Cloth, Eiderdown, and Velvets—\$7.45 to \$25.

Here are six leaders of exceptional values:

House Coats

Double-faced Cloth Jackets—the plain side outside, with the reverse trimming lapels and cuffs—silk-cord piped; silk frogs. All sizes from 34 to 46.

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Plain Tricot and Double-faced Cloth Jackets—Tuxedo and regular style. The Tricots are trimmed with quilted satin; the cloths are faced with the fancy reverse side.

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All-wool Striped Blanket Robes of new colorings; cut extra full and proper length; shapely and size—portionated; supplied with proper cord and girdle.

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Hints of What to Give.

(First Floor.)

- Men's Opera Crush Hats—\$5.75 and \$7.50.
- Men's Silk Hats—\$5.00 and \$6.00.
- Men's Fur Gloves—\$1.00 to \$2.50.
- Men's Fur Collars—\$2.50 to \$10.00.
- Men's Fur Caps—\$1.35 to \$15.00.
- Fur Carriage and Auto. Robes—\$7.50 to \$25.00.
- Cloth Carriage and Auto. Robes—\$2.50 to \$16.50.
- Children's Storm and Stocking Caps—23c to \$1.50.
- Children's Novelty Hats—50c to \$5.00.
- Boys' Felt Hats—85c to \$3.00.
- Men's House Slippers—95c to \$3.00.
- Women's House Slippers—50c to \$3.00.
- Children's House Slippers—50c to \$1.00.
- Men's Bath Slippers—19c to \$1.00.
- Women's Bath Slippers—19c to \$1.00.
- Children's Leggings—60c to \$2.00.

(Third Floor.)

- Men's Tuxedo Coats and Vests—\$20.
- Men's Swallow-tail Coats and Vests—\$25.00 to \$45.00.
- Men's Fancy and White Waistcoats—\$1.00 to \$5.00.
- Men's Rain Coats—\$10.00 to \$35.00.
- Men's Fur-lined Coats—\$7.50 to \$55.00.

Hints of What to Give.

(Fourth Floor.)

- Kodak Film Cameras—\$1.00 to \$27.50.
- Plate Cameras—\$7.50 to \$75.00.
- Photo. Albums—9c to \$5.00.
- Calendar Mats—3c to 18c.
- Golf Clubs (all styles)—\$1.00 to \$2.50.
- Golf Balls, dozen—\$2.00 to \$6.00.
- Caddy Bags—79c to \$3.25.
- Golf Coats—\$7.50 to \$10.00.
- Golf Sweaters—\$5.50 to \$13.50.
- Infants' Sweaters—69c to \$3.00.
- Boys' Sweaters—\$1.00 to \$3.00.
- Men's Sweaters—\$1.25 to \$6.00.
- Women's Sweaters—\$2.50 to \$6.50.
- Misses' Sweaters—\$1.50 and \$1.75.
- Gymnasium Suits—\$1.00 and \$2.00.
- Gymnasium Shoes—69c and 79c.
- Punching Bags—\$1.00 to \$5.00.
- Punching Bag Platforms—\$6.00 to \$10.00.
- Boxing Gloves (set of four)—98c to \$5.50.
- Fencing Foils, pair—\$1.00 to \$8.00.
- Broadwords, pair—\$5.50 to \$9.00.
- Fencing Plastrons, pair—\$3.00 to \$4.50.

Hints of What to Give.

(Fourth Floor.)

- Broadsword Coats—\$10.00.
- Fencing Jackets—\$7.50.
- Broadsword Masks, pair—\$10.00.
- Fencing Masks, pair—\$2.50 to \$3.75.
- Single Sticks, pair—75c.
- Dumbbells, pair—20c to \$1.00.
- Indian Clubs, pair—20c to \$1.00.
- Exercisers—\$1.00 to \$6.00.
- Basket Balls—\$1.50 to \$5.00.
- Foot Balls—69c to \$4.00.
- Medicine Balls—\$3.00 and \$4.50.
- Tennis Rackets—\$2.50 to \$8.00.
- Boys' Bicycles—\$16.50.
- Men's Bicycles—\$9.00 to \$25.50.
- Women's Bicycles—\$10.00 to \$21.75.
- Bicycle Lamps—\$1.00 to \$2.70.
- Roller Skates—49c to 95c.
- Boys' Ice Skates—59c to \$5.00.
- Girls' Ice Skates—\$1.25 to \$5.00.
- Men's Ice Skates—59c to \$5.00.
- Women's Ice Skates—\$1.25 to \$5.00.
- Children's Banks—95c.
- Pocket Knives—25c to \$8.00.
- Revolvers—\$1.69 to \$18.00.
- Rifles—\$1.75 to \$5.00.
- Air Rifles—69c to \$2.00.
- Flasks—75c to \$7.50.
- Hunting Coats—79c to \$8.00.
- Lunch Kits—\$7.50 and \$13.50.
- Fishing Rods—\$1.00 to \$25.00.
- Fishing Reels—\$1.00 to \$10.00.
- Fishing Buckets—50c to \$2.00.
- Tackle Boxes—\$1.00 to \$6.00.
- Poker Sets—\$1.50 to \$17.75.
- Playing Cards—10c to \$1.50.
- Poker Chips, per hundred—29c to \$2.25.
- Checkerboards—10c to \$1.50.
- Chess Sets—\$1.00 to \$3.25.
- Dominoes—10c to \$1.50.
- Safety Razor Sets—\$2.50 to \$21.00.
- Razors—\$1.00 to \$3.00.
- Shaving Brushes—25c to \$3.00.
- Razor Straps—25c to \$2.50.
- Dog Collars—25c to \$5.00.
- Dog Baskets—\$1.50 to \$2.50.
- Dog Leads—25c to \$1.25.
- Dog Whips—25c to \$1.50.
- Dog Blankets—\$1.00 to \$3.00.
- Dog Harness—\$1.00 to \$2.50.
- Auto Goggles—\$2.00 to \$6.00.
- Auto Caps—\$2.50 to \$3.00.
- Auto Gloves—\$3.00.
- Auto Coats—\$5.00 to \$25.00.
- Auto Fur Coats—\$33.00 and \$49.00.
- Auto Leggings—\$4.50 and \$5.50.
- Auto Lamps, pair—\$10.00 to \$50.00.